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Re: U.S. Non-Provisional Utility Patent Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)
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For: **Strip Lighting System Incorporating Light Emitting Devices**
Inventors: KAN *et al.*
Our Ref: 1556.0370000/TGD/EDH

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2. Form PTO/SB/08A (1 sheet) citing thirteen (13) references AA1-AM1;
3. Form PTO/SB/08B (1 sheet) citing two references CA1 and CB1;
4. A copy of each of the cited references AA1-AM1, CA1 and CB1; and
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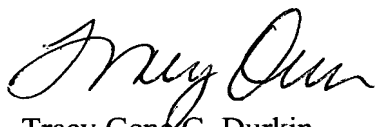
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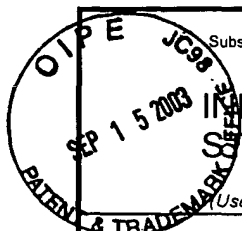
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